

To the FCC

As a former deejay, I am appalled at this misuse of public airwaves. I remember when I was on the air that we had rigorous rules regarding the use of public airwaves, and I hope that those rules will be enforced now by your organization. You, the FCC are in a position to take a stand against media consolidation, please stand your ground and do so.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.